

RACE #1

BANNON

6 LOVE THAT LUTE
10 SPEIGHTSTOWN TIME
1 BOLD HOPE
4 UNDERCOVER CAT

BOLD HOPE had a couple of starts in August and finished third for \$25,000 on his return but got shuffled back last time and that was excuse enough; he should be set to go forward with this drop off the shelf.

BUDDING encountered a strong pace throughout at five furlongs last time and stayed on to be third; the last place finisher has come back to win for \$16,000.

R U WATCHINGBUD got down to a more acceptable spot for \$12,500 last time but had an excusable trip when delayed at the top of the stretch.

UNDERCOVER CAT had every chance to win September 8th as he reached up to the lead deep in the stretch but the winner got by on the outside at the last moment at this price at a half furlong farther.

LOWI VENE beat non winners of three by going to the lead September 30th and he was able to keep the advantage throughout; he faces a tougher challenge here.

LOVE THAT LUTE has been given simple tasks lately and has achieved three consecutive wins with his most recent performance being his best local effort; he was hard hustled in chasing down the leader and preserving the win and now goes up in value to face some who are coming down in class.

CUMMINGS ROAD got in for just \$6,000 last time and still looked to be an improbable winner midway but he produced a sensational late rally to win it.

COURT SAVVY is getting his first start since July 4th and takes the big drop in now for \$12,500; he was fourth to begin the year in a first allowance race and has only run two other times and both events were against key opponents.

STAY DETERMINED came off the shelf September 4th to clean up at Fort Erie over five furlongs on turf; he didn't do as well there on dirt last time; he has won here in the past

SPEIGHTSTOWN TIME takes the big plunge; when he won back in July it was the drop down angle that worked for him; he tried that angle against August 25th and ran an improved third place finish; he was off balance at the break last time and that seemed to contribute to his poor finish there.

RACE #2

BANNON

8 SILENT RESPECT
4 WORLDS YOUR OYSTER
1 SECRETSOF THE NILE
5 MONSOON RAIN

SECRETSOF THE NILE will be dropping down for this after a failed run on turf at six and a half furlongs at the first allowance classification last time; she was used on the outside but couldn't gain effectively; she should appreciate the easier company as it will give her an opportunity to use her speed.

BEAU'S BEAUTY was used on the lead last time at six furlongs on turf against some of these and stayed on ok but couldn't assert herself near the end while in fourth with, Worlds Your Oyster, in second.

PEACE SEEKER went a route on turf last time when dropped in for \$20,000; she was coming off the shelf and she attended the pace and finished second; that was her second good turf race in a row with Campbell aboard; she is up for \$40,000 now.

WORLDS YOUR OYSTER has produced a series of good performances on turf with Santos aboard for Phil Gracey; that was the case September 21st when she had perfect positioning near the pace and made her move to the lead but was overtaken by a strong outside closer who was favoured; she comes back at a half furlong farther as a contender.

MONSOON RAIN seemed to give herself up in a speed battle against a heavily favoured winner last time; she slipped to be next to last while the 6-5 favourite opened up; she gets to shorten in distance to six and a half furlongs and that should help; perhaps with Kimura aboard an off the pace technique would work here.

HURRICANE EMILY lost a pace battle last time at six furlongs on turf when facing several of these and she didn't stick around at the end; that was a letdown performance after her peak previous pair.

GOLDTOWN was going for new interests with a jump in value September 21st and performed well for Ross Armata Jr. she was in the second flight and creeping forward with, Worlds Your Oyster, better in second; there is a little more room available here.

SILENT RESPECT has been freshened for six weeks since her try in the Passing Mood Stakes at seven furlongs on turf when she finished third; the winner has come back to win the Damsel and both the sixth and seventh place finishers have come back to win; that last place finisher was, Airy Fairy, who came back September 21st to beat, Worlds Your Oyster; it is just a case of her readiness off the shelf.

MY SILENT PRESENT found herself battling with four other rivals in the second flight last time and eventually finished sixth when, Worlds Your Oyster, was second; she will give it another try here from the outside.

RACE #3

BANNON

3 MR RITZ - BEST BET
2 LOOKIN TO STRIKE
4 STRIKE ME DOWN
1 CURLIN'S HONOR

CURLIN'S HONOR followed Mr Ritz out of town to Indiana Grand last time to travel a mile on turf in the Caesars for a purse of \$200,000; he raced from the third flight and finally finished fifth with an inside move; he had been stakes placed when second at Belmont in the spring over was sevens furlongs in the Paradise Creek; he won at six furlongs on Tapeta here in the Woodstock this spring; he must travel two turns here on Tapeta and has had a couple of good local works getting ready for owner John C. Oxley and Breeze Easy LLC; Irad Ortiz Jr. rides.

LOOKIN TO STRIKE is a second representative here for Mark Casse along with Curlin's Honor and competes for Gary Barber; he was the only surviving speed runner in a recent allowance event at a route where he battled with the eventual last place finisher and stayed clear of the others at the end; the runner up from that last race has come back to win; he had also scored in a Tapeta route back in June and looks well suited to competing here; Boulanger was aboard for his October 4th work for in 47.2 going out well with a final quarter in 24.3.

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MR RITZ was bred in Great Britain by, Earle I. Mack and was an early foal; he was given plenty of time to come to himself with a win in his debut last December on the synthetic surface at Kempton; since relocating here he has adjusted productively taking a win on the turf in August at the first allowance level in a key race from which the second, third and seventh place finishers have all come back to win; most recently, as a longshot he chased the big purse in the Caesars at Indiana Grand over a mile on turf and proved best against Untamed Domain who had won the Summer Stakes here last year for Graham Motion; he now goes to Tapeta around two turns; in preparation he has had a series of works since mid September getting ready including a recent five furlong work with Da Silva aboard for Josie Carroll.

STRIKE ME DOWN was here for the Queen's Plate and did fine to finish fourth with a rally against, Wonder Gadot; he moved back to turf for a trip to Saratoga July 29th where he was out finessed late and had to settle for a tie for second; drama also followed him to his next start when he finished narrowly beaten on the turf at Saratoga; the top two were blamed for interfering with the third place finisher deep in the stretch and they were both disqualified; he comes back to run on Tapeta for Sam-Son Farm and trainer Graham Motion.

FLIGHT DECK was a fringe player in the Charlie Barley and Toronto Cup both on turf; he stayed on grass to compete in the Breeders' but was a distant third; most recently, he opted for a shorter race on turf at the first allowance level where he was on the edges as a longshot; he now goes two turns on Tapeta and did that earlier in the year in the Wando when he faded.

PEPPERED was rising quickly in form about this time last year when he was second in the Grey as the favourite after a booming maiden win the time before; he has had to fight back from adversity and has had three consecutive in the money finishes here including a peak race two starts ago which seemed to signal improvement coming for his most recent try; however, he stalled in contention in that event and settled for second; he competes for Paul Braverman and Timothy Pinch and goes for Reade Baker.

RACE #4

BANNON

5 **COSMIC HALLELUJAH**

9 **AMEN ALLEY**

11 **SILENT EMISSARY**

2 **BAY OF RUM**

COUNT FOREST was a minor surprise second time out when he dropped so substantially and carried his natural speed; he remains at this reduced evaluation at the same distance; must come from the rail; getting out of the gate smartly would be an improvement.

BAY OF RUM ran a big race for the second time in a row last outing since getting back down to this level; he was on turf and came five wide off the turn but was passed by the winner and finished second; he was also second on Tapeta two starts ago.

AREOCENTRIC gets his first start since late July when he ran a booming race when dropped back down for \$20,000 and he was second then; Kimura has the mount here.

LAUDERDALE was out of the money on turf last time but just barely as he made a booming run from ninth on the outside to reach prime contention, yet, he settled for a minor award; he remains at this reduced evaluation and now goes on Tapeta.

COSMIC HALLELUJAH had a runoff win the mud at Fort Erie two starts ago without much to challenge him there; most recently here, he opted for his initial route and while he gave up the lead he was in against difficult company and was not that far behind; he now uses the turn back angle with a drop for \$20,000.

WATER POLO had a good race in July when claimed for \$20,000 and he made his way back to this level September 29th where he was drafting behind runners and he was only four lengths back on turf; Callaghan takes over.

WAUBAUSHENE had a poor effort last time finishing far back; against key company the time before he was behind in double digits; he gets relief coming in for \$20,000.

STREET CAT SAM has been here since transferring from Saratoga; he has had a couple of works and he now runs for Tedston Holder; his win earlier this year came in the slop at Belmont which he seemed to love.

AMEN ALLEY seemed to peaking every other start and that was the case last time with a good race when dropped for \$20,000; he was close to the pace on turf and finished fourth; he looks to run two good races in a row now by going to Tapeta.

JIMBO FIVE was on turf last time and closed late against a key winner; he had run for maiden \$25,000 the time before with surprise tenacity deep in the stretch to win.

SILENT EMISSARY gave away some value to run for a tag August 19th when third on turf for \$40,000; he loomed up on grass last time but hung; he goes to the \$20,000 mark on Tapeta here.

RACE #5

BANNON

8 **PREFERRED GUEST**

9 **SHE CALLS IT**

5 **MISS ARIEL**

7 **IRISH CHARM**

BANANA RAMA was in the second flight on the turn September 16th when returning from time away; she was interfered with at that point by the debut winner, She Calls It, who was demoted for the interference; she finally finished a distant third and was elevated to second.

CLAIRESENCE elected to run from behind last time just as she did in her previous sprint when she was third but she couldn't make up any ground in that two turn fixture; like several in here she is shortening in distance.

FALCON'S VIEW went from an opening sprint when she closed willingly to a route second time out where she got down on the tougher footing inside; she was a bit rank but continued willingly and finished second; she will now cut back to a sprint.

PEACE CONTROL was at only five furlongs off the shelf October 3rd and was hustled for early positioning and was finally a distant third.

MISS ARIEL has given away the lead in both of her last two races at longer distances; she was traveling much too quickly at a route when rushing away to a long early lead last time but she stayed on rather well in fourth; she adds lasix for this cutback to six and a half furlongs.

MY TRUE BREW had a difficult time of it September 16th in her debut and never reached contention; there is a little more room available here.

IRISH CHARM a homebred for Bruce Smither is by, Mike Fox, and will travel six and a half furlongs here; she did post a fast work on a quick turf course September 23rd in 59.2 getting ready but will run on Tapeta in this opener.

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PREFERRED GUEST had a sudden late rush with a furlong to go in her debut in the Muskoka Stakes and advanced from ninth to be second; the third place finisher has since come back to beat her; in that last race she again had a late surge but was down along the inside and finished third beaten a half length; she gets a little more room here and has had an opportunity for interim prepping.

SHE CALLS IT took big money when she debuted September 16th and after settling back early, she had an amazing rush on the turn; she tried to manoeuvre off the rail to go outside but her velocity was such at that point that she caused interference to among others, Banana Rama; although she won by six lengths she was disqualified; she has had an opportunity for a good interim work leading to this second start.

BROOKIES BEAR a homebred for Colebrook Farms by, Old Forester, is a from a sprint winner; Kimura was aboard for her work October 5th in 1.03.1 getting ready and she had worked more quickly September 29th in 1.01.2.

ROYAL WEDDING dropped in for maiden \$40,000 last time and came running in the stretch looking for room; she finally found it with about a furlong to go and she was second best then; the money showed for her on that occasion but a speedy debut runner from the McKnight stable was best.

PINK SCRIBBLES showed potential in her debut and when she hit the open market second time out she was claimed as the 3-5 favourite; she had trouble leaving the gate and bothered a rival and that seemed to be her undoing.

RACE #6

BANNON

10 PAWNBROKER

2 NARROW ESCAPE

4 WHO'S GOT IT

7 HONIG

THUNDER POINT followed from behind rivals last time for \$9,500 and then faltered; he is up in value.

NARROW ESCAPE has been hanging around the edges in this category with good middle pace pursuit but it has been a long time since he has scored; the blinkers are off today as he encounters several who also use early or middle speed.

POLAR LIGHT added blinkers two starts ago and woke up with a run on turf at a route to finish second; most recently, he shortened to seven furlongs and won very easily in front under a hand ride; he now goes to Tapeta for Chiefswood and is one of several speed types in the race.

WHO'S GOT IT attracted a claim by Norm McKnight September 8th after he landed on the edges in this category August 19th with his typical hanging move; he has been busy with a series of works getting ready for Trinity Racing and Sunny Singh now gets the call; the blinkers are off.

ARMAMENT was in this category last time and raced from the third flight out of contention and then closed mildly without threatening.

PIPERS WARRIOR is getting his first start since early in the summer when he had an out of the money finish; he has had a series of building up works with Campbell aboard for Mike De Paulo and he gets the ride here in this return.

HONIG took his second win of the campaign last time and he used a more mature style ; he was hand ridden home for \$40,000 when claimed as the favourite; he now goes for Denyse McClachrie.

TALE OF VIENNA committed to a speed style last time and was in a middle pace fight with, Narrow Escape, and faded to fourth right at the end; Moreno retains the mount.

THUNDERING RIDE likes to press in the middle stages in sprints; he was about to finish on the edges last time at seven furlongs when the eventual first place finisher was over exuberant and altered into his path when rallying and that resulted in his disqualification; this one was elevated to third; this will be his initial route essay and Lermyte takes over for Mark Casse.

PAWNBROKER used an off the pace technique for a maiden score in July and that type of style could work here; the runner up has since won recently; last time against several of these September 15th he raced from the third flight and understandably closed too late when, Narrow Escape, was better in third.

RACE #7

BANNON

7 HOLDING GOLD

6 LADY ALEXANDRA

3 YORKTON

2 KITTEN'S CAT

HEMP HEMP HURRAY will try and transfer his current enthusiasm for positive performances on Tapeta over to turf; in the King Corrie he closed a good gap against the heavy favourite who won in front; most recently in the Ontario Jockey Club Stakes he looked like a winner through the stretch but couldn't displace the same front running winner; he is a two time winner on turf and was at Royal Ascot back in the spring when he competed against the difficult, Expert Eye, who was recently third in the Group 1 Prix du Moulin; he trained well October 6th in 1.00b getting ready for Michael Maker; he competes for Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey; the blinkers are on.

KITTEN'S CAT closed up two starts ago but laid in and that stalled his progress on a turf course that was too firm for him; most recently, he ran strongly at six furlongs and despite laying in he responded to attempts to keep him straight and he won; the runner up has come back to win and the third place finisher, Singandcryindubai, is here; trainer Michael Maker has prescribed a concentrated series of works getting him ready in search of his third stakes win.

YORKTON is already a four time stakes winner and looked strong when he won the Bold Venture fleeing away from, Sweet Little Man; he had been second the time before in the Vigil against, Pink Lloyd; his main challenge here is transferring his current enthusiasm over to turf but did win in the Charlie Barley on turf; he competes for Chiefswood Stable and Stuart Simon with Campbell aboard once again.

HEMBREE another representative here for Michael Maker collected a fast first prize of \$87,000 for a second allowance win at Kentucky Downs over seven furlongs last time; he produced the best rally at even money; he will have to shorten to just six furlongs here in search of his fourth win on turf; Irad Ortiz Jr. rides for Three Diamonds Farm who have, Markitoff, entered in the Pattison Canadian International.

BUSHROD knows how to shop around for winning spots and comes off three consecutive victories for trainer Judd Becker and Tim Rosin; Beshizza who was aboard last time for a win at Kentucky Downs with a top purse of \$60,000 when beating the favourite will have the mount here at a half furlong shorter in this introduction to this local turf course.

LADY ALEXANDRA was here for the Grade 1 Highlander Stakes at six furlongs where she opened up a two and a half length lead but was caught desperately late by the winner who rallied from sixth; she had a recent return which should be a good bridge race and that came on the Tapeta surface at Presque Isle where she duelled with the runner up and then faded; she now gets back to turf and perhaps her favourite surface.

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HOLDING GOLD had a booming race in the Highlander just in behind the runner up, Lady Alexandra, early in the summer time and that race points him out as a strong contender here; Velazquez was aboard then and has the mount here; he was in the Play The King last time where the seven furlong distance proved a bit of a challenge and he hung late in contention; he has posted good recent works for Mark Casse; he competes for Live Oak Plantation.

CONQUEST PANTHERA captured the Play The King Stakes here last year on this course and was close by in the Connaught at seven furlongs in the spring; he has developed a style of being reserved before producing a rush and this is an ideal course for that approach; he tried it last time at Kentucky Downs through the long stretch there and finished just on the edges in a rich event for Mark Casse and Gary Barber.

IKERRIN ROAD competes for Alpine Stable and Vito Armata; he had a big off the pace win on Tapeta at six furlongs storming from the outside with Santos aboard last time; he wasn't as effective in the Highlander earlier in the year when the turf was very firm but may like the footing currently.

SWEET LITTLE MAN a four time winner on turf competed last time against the winner, Singandcryindubai, and was reserved in last and then came storming through the stretch to finish a tight third beaten two lengths; he must shorten to six furlongs here for Joey Gee Thoroughbreds; he competes for Jim Ensom.

SINGANDCRYINDUBAI was a smart winner last time with apprentice Kimura aboard; he angled out at the right time to win beating a tough older rival while, Sweet Little Man, was back in third; a trainer change here sees him moving from the stable of Norm McKnight to now compete for Denyse McClachrie.

RACE #8

BANNON

1 DUN DRUM

8 WILEY O'RIELLY

2 CHARLIE'S GAME

4 SKYNYRD

DUN DRUM debuted in the same race where, Wiley O'Rielly was getting his second start; he rallied behind that late running rival to finish an ok third; for this second start more distance is available and lasix is added; she must come from the inside post; Wilson has been aboard for interim preps for Ian Black.

CHARLIE'S GAME woke up second time out but tried to make a run into the hottest part of the pace and had to settle for fourth when, White Wedding, was second and that one is here but her form has slipped in the interim; he now has freshness as an asset off the shelf after a work with Moran aboard October 6th in 1.00.4 for Mike Doyle.

SEASON HALL a homebred for Sherry L. Schoeman is certainly bred for stamina and this one will debut at six and a half furlongs with Alderson aboard; works have generally been over short distances to get him to this point.

SKYNYRD is from a family deep with stamina instincts and this one looks to have some run on interest; he debuts here at six and a half furlongs for Julia Carey with Boulanger aboard; he beat company in a gate work September 30th getting ready.

WHITE WEDDING had a good race to begin but slumped second time out; most recently following a layoff he returned in the Simcoe Stakes with an overaggressive approach in front and he slipped back only late; the third place finisher has come back to win and the winner has come back to be third in the Bull Page; he has been freshened.

STRATEGIC VISION a debut runner for Saul McHugh is a half brother to the six time local winner, Miss Forester; he has had a steady series of works at a half mile getting ready for this six and a half furlong opener.

SUITEDCONNECTED a debut runner for Joe Triumbari goes for Earl Barnett who also has, Wiley O'Rielly entered; he produced a good time in a recent gate prep in company in 48.3bg getting ready; his stakes placed dam has produced four winners.

WILEY O'RIELLY took up in the stretch in his debut when tight quarters approached; second time out it was smoother sailing to a second place finish with plenty of power in the lane; for this third start more room is available which is good news.

VICTOR'S DYNASTY a debut runner for Polo Management Services goes for Tony Gattellaro; this one is from the same dam who produced, Absolution, who has taken a couple of route wins; he has had a variety of preps getting ready including a recent gate trial where he was a bit wide into the turn after rushing up; he gets the services of Husbands in this six and a half furlong opener.

SUMMER RETREAT managed to miss all the trouble at the gate when he debuted September 23rd but was actually helped by the incident when he landed fifth; the fourth place finisher was demoted for interference at the start and he gained an extra position; he came back with his fastest work to date October 6th in 1.00.4 for Andrew Smith.

BREAK AND ENTER a debut runner for Colebrook Farms is by the very useful, Badge Of Silver, and is from a dam who was stakes placed in New York; he must come from the widest post here; he has had consecutive works at five furlongs.

RACE #9

BANNON

10 DESERT ENCOUNTER

2 THUNDERING BLUE

4 FUNTASTIC

6 SPRING QUALITY

MARKITOFF loves the distance of a mile and a half and stayed well in the Grade 1 Northern Dancer last time attending a rather difficult pace; he was beaten just a length by, Johnny Bear, as late runners dominated that event; he competes for Three Diamonds Farm and Michael Maker; he had a strong stamina work October 6th as he galloped out forcefully; Irad Ortiz Jr., the leading racing winning jockey, takes over.

THUNDERING BLUE comes in for French born trainer David Menuisier who trains out of West Sussex, England; he has a knack for winning on different surfaces and track contours and should adjust nicely to the flat Woodbine surface; one of his big wins came in July in the Group 2 York Stakes an affair that Sheikhzayedroad won in 2014 prior to coming here to win the Grade 1 Northern Dancer that year; a test of his class came in the Group 1 Juddmonte International also at York when he finished third to, Roaring Lion, who recently won the Irish Champion Stakes for his third consecutive Group 1 victory; in second was Poet's Word, a two time Group 1 winner this year of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes and also the Prince Of Wales's; he has since gone to Bro Park in Stockholm to win a Group 3 event as a further confidence builder; Fran Berry will once again be the rider for owner Clive Washbourn.

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KHAN a German bred took his Group 1 victory last time out on giving ground in Cologne in the Preis von Europa and he did it by a wide margin at 20-1 in a race where the favourite faltered; he will be hoping for give to the ground in this event; he is trained by Henk Grewe, owned by the Darius Stable of Dr. Stefan Oschmann and will be ridden by Clement Leoeuvre.

FUNASTIC is one of two in the race for Chad Brown who enjoyed a record setting Saratoga meeting; he competes for Three Chimneys Farm who now stand Horse of the Year, Gun Runner; he is a Grade 1 winning son of, More Than Ready, who is very much in the news now because another son, Catholic Boy, capture the Grade 1 Travers and Belmont Derby this year; his Grade 1 victory in the United Nations came against his stable mate, Money Multiplier; he had a letdown performance August 25th on the very firm turf course at Saratoga in the heat of the summer; the runner up on that occasion was, Channel Maker, who came back to win the Grade 1 Turf Classic; he has been training at Saratoga getting ready to continue; John Velazquez rides for the initial time.

TIZ A SLAM a homebred for Chiefswood Stable going for Hall of Famer Roger Attfield was able to win the Grade 2 Nijinsky Stakes at this distance on this course in the summer beating, Johnny Bear; he narrowly lost the Grade 2 Sky Classic; most recently in the Grade 1 Northern Dancer he was in an unfortunate pace duel with the favourite and that proved costly to both runners who were unplaced; he worked strongly on the training turf September 30th in 58.2 out in 1.10.2 and came back on the E. P. Taylor turf October 7th with Bahen aboard to go smartly beating company.

SPRING QUALITY is a second representative here for Graham Motion and this one competes for the Agustin Stable of George Strawbridge which had summer success in France with the Group 1 winner, With You; he took his Grade 1 victory at Belmont in the spring in the Manhattan at ten furlongs when he beat, Sadler's Joy, who was a Grade 1 winner in 2017; after running third in the Grade 1 Sword Dancer in August he had a complete letdown on the soft ground in the Grade 1 Turf Classic which was taken by Canadian bred, Channel Maker; he looks to bounce back to his best form on firmer ground here; Hall of Fame jockey, Edgar Prado, the eighth rider to reach 7,000 wins, once again has the mount.

ENGLISH ILLUSION a claim in August was the disputed winner of the Halton Stakes over, Johnny Bear, and then came back in the Grade 1 Northern Dancer with a deep close between runners to be third beaten a length behind, Johnny Bear; he runs for Sylvain Pion a noted turf ace in 2018; he competes for 4U Thoroughbred Racing Stable Inc. and Hernandez once again has the mount.

BANDUA competes for Calumet Farm and comes in for his new trainer, Jack Siston; he was previously trained by Irish legend, Dermot Weld; he won his opening two races this year at Cork in Ireland over giving ground but has not encountered such a soft surface since; he was a willing third in the Grade 1 Secretariat Stakes against a longshot winner who beat the favourite; most recently at Kentucky Downs, he attended the pace and finished fourth behind, Channel Cat, who has since gone to Laurel to win a stakes event; he has been training at Keeneland; once again Adam Beschizza will have the mount; as a three year old he gets a weight concession.

JOHNNY BEAR has the distinction of being a two time Grade 1 winner of Woodbine's Northern Dancer Stakes; he beat an authentic runner up last year in, Hawkbill; he had a clever inside rally to win this year's edition under good handling by Contreras; he performed poorly in this race last year when there was considerable give to the ground and he is hoping for a firm surface for Colebrook Farms, Bear Stables Ltd. and trainer Ashlee Brnjas.

DESERT ENCOUNTER comes in for Mr. Abdulla Al Mansoori; he is in the care of David Simcock who has made many profitable journeys to Woodbine in the past winning the Grade 1 Northern Dance here in 2014 with, Sheikhzayedroad, and the Ricoh Woodbine Mile with, Trade Storm on that same memorable card; he comes off a significant performance at Newbury where he finished a tight third in the Group 3 Legacy Cup against a couple of noted performers; when both Hillstar in 2014 and, Cannock Chase in 2015 came from England to win this race they were both exiting events at Newbury; Andrea Atzeni will have the mount and is familiar with this one; the level ground of the E. P Taylor turf will suit his long stride; he uses lasix for the initial time.

FOCUS GROUP comes in for Klaravich Stables and William H. Lawrence who were represented here last year by the third place finisher in the Queen's Plate, Inflexibility, who subsequently captured the Wonder Where; he competes for America's top rated turf trainer, Chad Brown; he tested his stamina at Saratoga last time at thirteen furlongs in the John's Call Stakes which he won with a deep closing advance marking himself as an improved runner; the timing of this event seems to fit with his development; the stable enjoyed a sensational weekend with Grade 1 victories in the Champagne, Flower Bowl, First Lady and Beldame; Jose Ortiz looks for the Ricoh Woodbine Mile and Pattison Canadian International double.

RACE #10

BANNON

3 POLLARA

2 SANTA MONICA

5 GOLDEN LEGEND

7 STARSHIP JUBILEE

SKY FULL OF STARS comes from her German base for Gestut Karlshof, the breeder of the outstanding German mare, A Raving Beauty, a multiple Grade 1 winner in North America; she is a four year old homebred who captured a Group 2 event at Baden-Baden last time out at a mile and a half at long odds beating the favourite; today's test is considerably shorter but she did have a winning race at this exact distance at Hannover in the spring time; Adam Baschizza will take over the riding here for Henk Grewe.

SANTA MONICA already made a trip here in early summer time to win the Grade 2 Dance Smartly over a couple of smart Canadian breds, Inflexibility, and Holy Helena; she most recently competed at Saratoga in the Grade 2 Glens Falls where she was second best to a former French import who controlled the race with front end speed; she competes for Mrs. John Magnier, Madaket Stables and Deron Pearson; Jose Ortiz who won the Ricoh Woodbine Mile with, Oscar Performance, will ride for Chad Brown.

POLLARA is a three year old filly by, Camelot, a winner of both the English Derby and the Irish Derby; this one is from a well bred dam who is a half sister to the 2012, Arc de Triomphe winner, Solemia; she captured a Group 3 event at Chantilly at a mile and a half on soft ground last time and the runner up has already come back to win a Group 2 event; she has been moved to the stable of Chad Brown and has been training in North America since the beginning of September in preparation for this first run since the spring; Irad Ortiz Jr. has the mount with this cutback in distance to just a mile and a quarter on firmer ground; she now competes for Allen Stable Inc. and Peter M. Brant; she uses lasix for the initial time.

SHEIKHA REIKA competes for the successful duo of Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum and trainer Roger Varian; jockey Andrea Atzeni is also an important part of the group; this one ran farther than ever before last time at Yarmouth traveling this distance with a going away win in that stakes event; she is working with a significant pedigree top and bottom and is looking to graduate to the next level.

GOLDEN LEGEND is working with a thorough French pedigree and has raced both in France and the U. K.; most recently, she recently captured her second Group 3 victory and both have come at Maisons-Laffitte traveling right handed; in that last race, she captured La Coupe De Maisons-Laffitte with, Alex Badel aboard; two starts ago at the Group 1 level she was only beaten four lengths and the top two in that event are both Group 1 winners; she seems to very much appreciate the mile and a quarter distance.

SUMMER LUCK competes for Gary Barber and trainer Mark Casse and collected an \$87,000 top prize September 12th at Kentucky Downs in a second allowance event where she rallied from seventh to be clear; she has freshness as an asset and has been here training since late September with a couple of quick half mile works; Da Silva will ride for the first time.

STARSHIP JUBILEE loves the E. P. Taylor turf with consecutive Grade 2 wins here last year and a third Grade 2 score this year came in the Canadian Stakes; she had a powerful rally to beat the former Grade 1 winner, New Money Honey; she was involved in some early stretch bumping but rallied strongly when she angled out and she responded nicely for Contreras who was reunited with her for that longshot win for Kevin Attard; she also competes for Soli Mehta.

ELYSEA'S WORLD is one of three entered for Chad Brown and has three times this year won at the Grade 3 level; she comes off consecutive wins at Monmouth in the Matchmaker and Violet; in that last event she rallied as the heavy favourite to beat the two speed horses; she comes in for the highly successful Sheep Pond Partners and All Pro Racing and Joe Bravo once again has the mount.

PROCTOR'S LEDGE will have John Velazquez aboard and he is a two time winner of this event; she competes for Patricia L. Moseley and trainer Brendan Walsh and has succeeded twice at the Grade 2 level including this year when she captured Churchill's Distaff Turf Mile; significantly she came back in the Grade 1 Just a Game and finished second behind, A Raving Beauty who has subsequently won the Grade 1 First Lady; in the Grade 1 Diana at Saratoga she was just on the edges against, Sistercharlie, a winner of the Grade 1 Beverly D; following a fringe try at Saratoga last time she will stretch to a mile and a quarter.

RACE #11

BANNON

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UNRIVALED SOUL was bumped hard at the break last time and didn't recover; she had won the time before at seven furlongs with a good rally; she has been moved from the Norm McKnight stable to that of Angus Buntain and is up in value for this.

VALID N GOLD was fanned four wide in a battle on turf last time; after a middle move she faltered through the long stretch; she goes to a two turn Tapeta race here.

PATMOS shortened from a route on turf to go seven furlongs on Tapeta last time when seventh beaten about six lengths; she now stretches around two turns.

WRITTEN was settled off the pace in a race September 8th where, Hidden Appeal, was settling in front; she went after that one in the middle stages with significant force and they fought a hectic battle which set it up for the eventual rally of the winner; she subsequently finished second while, Hidden Appeal, was third and they meet again here; one can put aside her out of the money finish on turf last time.

NADELEINE was down to this level two starts ago to finish fourth behind, Written, and, Hidden Appeal, and meets that pair here after an out of the money finish on turf at a higher level last time.

CAN'T CRUSH THIS was called to win when she debuted here August 10th for \$8,000 but she had no life in the stretch; second time out she had a bold rally on the turf at Fort Erie to win big.

FROST DELAY was getting just her second start of the year and no doubt used a September 26th race at Presque Isle at a high level as a bridge race to get to this event; she was here last year for this very price in December running a tight third and she should welcome the return; she has had a recent work over the surface.

SCARLET BOW was forced to scratch September 29th and will go here instead; she did come back to work October 1st at five furlongs getting ready and has attracted Kimura.

HIDDEN APPEAL dropped in for \$9,500 last time and had just settled in to the role of pacemaker when, Written, attacked in the middle stages to fight sternly and that set it up for a rallying winner while this one was third and, Written, was second and they meet again here.

EVENT HORIZON was involved in some harsh bumping at the gate last time and she got going again at seven furlongs to finish on the edges in fourth; she now goes from a sprint to a route.

I HAVE FEELINGS had a month of freshening and returned for \$8,000 to win at seven furlongs last time to set a pedestrian pace to win in front; she now goes two turns and is bred to be a stayer.

OCEAN COURT is one of two in here for Kevin Attard along with, Hidden Appeal, and was in the same race as that stable companion last time when seventh beaten about six lengths; Contreras takes over here.

ABOGADA did well in a route September 2nd for \$19,000 to finish a bold second giving away the lead late; a return performance came against a dominant front end winner and she couldn't get into contention; she will no doubt appreciate this group more and one can't forget the goodness of that previous race.